

## Indiana State Representative

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## Take this opportunity to share your views

2003 Session will bring legislative, fiscal challenges



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Dear Friend:

The 2003 legislative session has begun, which means the legislature will be working over the next few months to fulfill our constitutional duty of preparing a biennial budget. This will be no small task, as 33 states have reported revenue collections below forecasted levels through last October, and Indiana is no exception.

Nevertheless, I hope we can provide reasonable solutions to our budget problems, and my goal is that those solutions will allow Indiana residents an opportunity to improve our collective quality of life in this increasingly challenging time.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to represent the 3rd district, and please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you or your family.

Sincerely,

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Rep. Brown discusses legislation with Rep. Porter (D-Indianapolis) and Rep. Crawford (D-Indianapolis).

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#### **2003 Legislative Survey**

Please fill out the survey and mail it to me, or complete the survey online at www.in.gov/H3. Another member of your household may respond in the second set of answers.

1. What should be the state's priority in passing a biennial

budget?

	<ul> <li>OA. Education</li> <li>OB. Health care</li> <li>OC. Economic development</li> <li>OD. Tax relief for Hoosiers</li> <li>OE. Improvements to roads, bridges and other infrastructure.</li> </ul>
	O OE. Maintaining critical government services  2. Would you support creation of a plan that would enable Indiana to create compacts with other states in order to purchase prescription drugs at more affordable rates for residents?
	O O Yes O ONo
	<ul><li>3. Should Indiana pass a plan that would protect Hoosiers from unsolicited e-mail, better known as "spam"?</li><li>O O Yes O ONo</li></ul>
	4. Would you support a proposal to restrict the use of cell phones in moving automobiles?  O O Yes O ONo
	<ul><li>5. Do you support additional penalties against motorists who drive without insurance coverage?</li><li>O O Yes O ONo</li></ul>
	<ul><li>6. Do you support the use of lottery and other gaming funds to support ongoing expenses, such as public education?</li><li>O O Yes O ONo</li></ul>
	7. Should Indiana adopt daylight-saving time? O O Yes O ONo
	8. Should students take the ISTEP test in the fall or spring of a school year?  O O Fall O OSpring
	9. Do you think the state gasoline tax should be increased to provide more funding for local road improvements?  O O Yes O ONo
	10. Legislators presently earn \$11,600 a year. Do members of the House and Senate deserve a pay raise?  O O Yes O ONo
	<ul><li>11. Do you favor the creation of a regional transportation authority (RTA) for Northwest Indiana?</li><li>O O Yes O ONo</li></ul>
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# Stay in touch

with Representative Brown and the Indiana General Assembly

The 113th Session of the Indiana Legislature has just convened. Below are some of the ways to stay involved.

#### Online

The official Web site for the State of Indiana is at www.in.gov. This is a good place to start if you're interested in information about Indiana and various government services.

Additionally, each representative has a Web site with information on his or her background, education and contact information. My site is at <a href="https://www.in.gov/H3">www.in.gov/H3</a>. There you may also learn about bills that I have filed, read past newsletters, and apply to become a page or an intern.

#### E-mail updates

Would you like to receive e-mail updates with news from the Statehouse? You are always encouraged to contact me directly via e-mail, but I would also be happy to send you news from time to time about what is going on at the Statehouse.

To receive updates, e-mail me at **H3@in.gov** and ask to have your name added to the list, or **just include your e-mail address on the front of the survey response card**. It's a simple way to stay informed about the issues that impact our state and our district.

#### Becoming a page

Serving as a page during the 2003 session allows any child age 13 or older the opportunity to gain a firsthand glimpse of how the legislative system works. Students will be excused from school on the day they are serving as a page and will spend the entire day at the Statehouse.

Interested students should send me their name, parent or guardian's name, address, phone number, school and two different dates when the student could come to the Statehouse between now and late April, 2003.

Please note that positions fill up quickly, so apply as soon as possible!

#### In person

Sessions of the Indiana General Assembly are open to the public. You may observe the House yourself, seeing our democratic system at work. No need to schedule an appointment—you're always welcome. The House chamber has a visitors' gallery on the fourth floor from which you can view proceedings.

Whichever method you prefer, I hope that you'll keep informed and stay involved.

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